

## Ground Operations (FINAL)

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### 1. Project Description

#### A. Statement of GO Activity

Through a combination of grant funding, recreation fees, partnerships, and various sources of federal and other state and county funding this comprehensive ground operations project covering route ops/maint, and facility ops/maint will include the following activities:

Monitoring and survey (as outlined in the HMP and Soil Conservation Plan) activities coincide with regular patrol of OHV facilities (i.e. routes, trailheads, campgrounds, staging areas) and assist in identifying off-route impacts quickly. Specialists are able to quickly advise on appropriate methods to rehabilitate these areas in order to preclude further degradation. Traffic counters will be used to monitor the amount of use OHV trails and Level 2 roads receive.

Trail Maintenance - Maintenance of 565 miles of designated OHV routes providing OHV opportunity as well as access to non-motorized activities such as hiking, wilderness access, camping, hunting, etc. Maintenance activities include survey of all routes prior to spring by partners and USFS personnel to identify and eliminate safety hazards. The entire system is ridden, surveyed and prioritized for opening. Those items necessary (i.e. clearing of hazard trees, repair to tread blowouts due to winter runoff) to assure that the route can be safely used by the public will be performed first to enable the system to open as quickly as possible. Non-safety items (i.e. slough removal, sign repair) will be scheduled for completion later in the cycle with all attempts being made to plan all needed activities on a given route at the same time for efficiency. Examples of tasks include brushing, logging out, maintenance of erosion features (i.e. culverts, rolling dips), slough removal, and repairing tread damage. Grading is proposed on 246 miles of routes requiring additional funds for dozer rental/operators in addition to forest match of \$142,700. Maintenance, repair, and replacement of directional and route designation signs will be completed on an as needed basis. Route specific maintenance activities can be found in the 2009 Soil Conservation Plan.

Facility O&M - Funding is requested to assist in operating/maintaining the numerous forest facilities which provide amenities for OHV recreationists across the forest. Primary activities associated with this project include minor repair of facilities (i.e. restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings), cleaning, painting, litter pickup, hazard reduction, and health/safety inspections. This will necessitate the purchase of supplies for cleaning, maintenance, and minor repair (i.e. paint, hardware, protective gear, paper products, garbage bags). Additional activities include vault pumping at Ballinger Canyon Campground (CG), Wagon Flat, Brookshire, Horseshoe Springs, La Panza, Kings CG, Grade Valley facilities, and Chuchupate CG; providing porta toilets at Piru Creek Crossing; trash service at Ballinger CG, Piru Creek Crossing, and Kings CG.

Several levels of service are proposed at the sites depending upon use patterns and condition inventory of the sites. Heavily used sites (i.e. Ballinger Canyon, Pozo) would be serviced at least three times a week, with less used sites serviced weekly or every two weeks. Staffing costs are requested to assist in meeting high demand cleaning/operations costs at heavily used areas such as Ballinger Canyon, Piru Creek Crossing area, Pozo/La Panza, Rockfront, and Buckhorn.

Secondary facility operations and maintenance occur bi-weekly in campground facilities at Half Moon, Pine Springs, Nettle Springs, Dome Springs, Chuchupate, Dutchman, and Toad Springs campgrounds; and monthly at Wagon Flat, Lazy, Bear, Horseshoe Spring, and Kerry campgrounds which all provide access to the OHV route system.

An existing OHV map showing the east side of the Forest will be reprinted and a new map of the OHV opportunities on the western side of the Forest will be printed. The maps will improve the OHV route location and riding information for the public. The new maps will aid in the continuing effort to keep the public on legal routes, ride in a responsible manner which will reduce impacts to OHV routes and reduce maintenance costs.

The Mt. Pinos Ranger District (MPRD) is also requesting additional funds to purchase two ATVs to replace existing older models purchased in 1999 with OHV trust funds. The use of these ATVs will be directly related to ground operations as the MPRD offers over 135 miles of ATV use on designated trails and roads. ATV travel has become vital for employees to perform tasks such as; condition surveys, trail repair, monitoring, education, and public assists in remote or inaccessible areas across the district. In addition, the MPRD plans to transfer ownership of our older ATVs to the Angeles National Forest for further use.

#### **B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation**

Route maintenance activities as outlined in Item A of this section will ensure the sustainability of the designated OHV system on the forest. Without this maintenance, this valuable system would degrade due to normal soil sloughing onto trails, lack of maintenance on erosion control features, and off route impacts. Best Management Practices as outlined in Forest Service publication Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California will be implemented and provide one of the many guidelines for ensuring appropriate ground disturbing activities to preserve water quality adjacent to the OHV system.

Implementation of the 2009 soil conservation plan and execution of the trail maintenance schedule (including updated condition surveys) will give staff the information and direction necessary to maintain the route system in an efficient manner. Monitoring of soil loss and stream crossings, and survey activities coincide with regular patrol of OHV facilities (i.e. routes, trail heads, campgrounds, staging areas) and assist in identifying off-route impacts quickly. Specialists are able to quickly advise on appropriate methods to rehabilitate these areas in order to preclude further degradation.

Facility operations and maintenance as outlined in Item A of this section will ensure that associated amenities such as picnic tables, loading ramps, restrooms, fire rings, etc receive the maintenance and cleaning required to meet sustainability and sanitation standards as outlined by standards such as Meaningful Measures (corporate standards with minimum frequency standards). By visiting recreation sites based on levels of use, and condition of facilities the forest ensures facilities are clean and serviceable for the recreating public. These standards and guidelines are available upon request.

Condition surveys for sites and routes are utilized to schedule maintenance and operation frequencies. These surveys are maintained at District offices and are available upon request for review.

Providing vault pumping, porta potties where needed for high use areas, and trash service ensures sites remain free from unsanitary conditions and provide a more pleasing atmosphere to recreate than if these services were not provided.

All proposed actions in Item A are designed to meet at least minimum standards for sustainability of OHV recreation across the LPNF. Additionally, these actions benefit not only motorized recreations seeking a "riding" experience, but provide access to many nonmotorized activities such as hunting, hiking, fishing, camping, and star gazing. Actions which provide new services (i.e. Frazier Mountain Trailhead improvements) directly enhance OHV recreation opportunities by adding additional facilities to the developed site inventory.

#### **C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles**

The entire project area lies within the boundary of the Los Padres National Forest (LPNF). The area with OHV opportunity includes portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, and Kern Counties. The LPNF has 565 miles of designated OHV routes providing a range of skill level difficulty including novice, intermediate, advanced, and expert. The bulk of the green/red sticker opportunity is located on the Santa Lucia (SLRD) and Mount Pinos (MPRD) Ranger Districts.

The project includes all associated developed recreation facilities (i.e. trailheads, staging areas, campgrounds, picnic areas).

We are developing a set of new maps to meet the grant application requirement to show facilities and routes. These will be attached to the project and posted to our website prior to submitting the final grant application.

#### **D. Location and description of OHV opportunities**

The entire project area lies within the boundary of the Los Padres National Forest (LPNF). The area with OHV opportunity includes portions of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, and Kern Counties. The LPNF has 565 miles of designated OHV routes providing a range of skill level difficulty including novice, intermediate, advanced, and expert. All ratings are indicated on OHV guide maps (copies available upon request), as well as on route signs in the field. This variety of opportunity is provided across the forest rather than in one concentrated area in compliance with our Land Management Plan direction for OHV recreation management. However, the bulk of the green sticker opportunity OHV system is located on the Santa Lucia (SLRD) and Mount Pinos (MPRD) Ranger Districts.

OHV riding is available 12 months a year with limited seasonal closures enforced at higher elevation when soil moisture exceeds permissible motorized vehicle use. Short duration closures also occur at wet river fords during high water periods. Type of OHV activity includes 4WD, ATV, Motorcycle (legal, dual sport, green, red as appropriate), and SUV/passenger vehicle access on unpaved routes. Please see OHV guide maps for details. Motorized access leads to a wide variety of non-motorized activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, equestrian trails, and wilderness access.

In addition to a variety of routes, numerous developed facilities are provided to enhance the visitor's recreation experience. These facilities include campgrounds, trailheads, and day use areas. Kings Campground (CG), Dutchman CG, Chuchupate CG, Pine Springs CG, Half Moon CG, and Ballinger CG on the MPRD; Buck Springs, Paradise CG, and Baja CG on the SLRD provide camping opportunities and access to nonmotorized activities including wilderness, hunting, and hiking for the entire family. Facilities and services at these locations include picnic tables, fire rings, toilets, and in some locations trash service. Several multiple use facilities (such as Kings CG, Frazier Mountain Trailhead Staging Area, Navajo Flats, Turkey Flat and Rockfront Staging Areas) are operated in conjunction with partners such as California Trail User's Coalition, Los Padres National Forest Association, Ventura County Motorcycle Club, Frazier Park 4x4 Club, Santa Maria 4 Wheelers, Central Coast Motorcycle Association, and the Cal Poly Penguins. OHV related partnership opportunities exist to join these partners or develop additional programs with the Forest.

Popular OHV riding areas include Ballinger Canyon, Grade Valley, and Piru Creek Crossing areas on the MPRD; Pozo/La Panza, Rockfront, and Buckhorn areas on the SLRD; jeep touring opportunities on the Ojai Ranger District via Nordhoff and Potrero Seco Roads which provide an ocean view at times; and Buckhorn/Cameusa and Divide Peak routes on SBRD. All of these areas are linked by a system of routes creating a varied riding experience for all ages and experience levels of riders.

Hungry Valley State Vehicle Recreation Area (HVSVA) lies adjacent to the eastern edge of the MPRD and provides a linkage to the forest OHV system on the east side. Riders often travel to the high elevation, pine forest riding opportunity on the MPRD while visiting this popular HVSVA.

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## 2. Rerouting Requirements

### Rerouting

- (a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

## Additional Documentation

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1. **Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**
2. **Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)**

3 **Project-Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Please Read Me](#)

[MPRD Mtn Communities](#)

[MPRD East Side - HVSRA Interface](#)

[SLRD Pozo La Panza](#)

[ORD Nordhoff Ridge](#)

4. **Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

## Project Cost Estimate

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Los Padres National Forest		
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Ground Operations (FINAL)	<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-02-09-G01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>Through a combination of grant funding, recreation fees, partnerships, and various sources of federal and other state and county funding this comprehensive ground operations project covering route ops/maint, and facility ops/maint will include the following activities:</p> <p>Monitoring and survey (as outlined in the HMP and Soil Conservation Plan) activities coincide with regular patrol of OHV facilities (i.e. routes, trailheads, campgrounds, staging areas) and assist in identifying off-route impacts quickly. Specialists are able to quickly advise on appropriate methods to rehabilitate these areas in order to preclude further degradation. Traffic counters will be used to monitor the amount of use OHV trails and Level 2 roads receive.</p> <p>Trail Maintenance - Maintenance of 565 miles of designated OHV routes providing OHV opportunity as well as access to non-motorized activities such as hiking, wilderness access, camping, hunting, etc. Maintenance activities include survey of all routes prior to spring by partners and USFS personnel to identify and eliminate safety hazards. The entire system is ridden, surveyed and prioritized for opening. Those items necessary (i.e. clearing of hazard trees, repair to tread blowouts due to winter runoff) to assure that the route can be safely used by the public will be performed first to enable the system to open as quickly as possible. Non-safety items (i.e. slough removal, sign repair) will be scheduled for completion later in the cycle with all attempts being made to plan all needed activities on a given route at the same time for efficiency. Examples of tasks include brushing, logging out, maintenance of erosion features (i.e. culverts, rolling dips), slough removal, and repairing tread damage. Grading is proposed on 246 miles of routes requiring additional funds for dozer rental/operators in addition to forest match of \$142,700. Maintenance, repair, and replacement of directional and route designation signs will be completed on an as needed basis. Route specific maintenance activities can be found in the 2009 Soil Conservation Plan.</p> <p>Facility O&amp;M - Funding is requested to assist in operating/maintaining the numerous forest facilities which provide amenities for OHV recreationists across the forest. Primary activities associated with this project include minor repair of facilities (i.e. restrooms, picnic tables, fire rings), cleaning, painting, litter pickup, hazard reduction, and health/safety inspections. This will necessitate the purchase of supplies for cleaning, maintenance, and minor repair (i.e. paint, hardware, protective gear, paper products, garbage bags). Additional activities include vault pumping at Ballinger Canyon Campground (CG), Wagon Flat, Brookshire, Horseshoe Springs, La Panza, Kings CG, Grade Valley facilities, and Chuchupate CG; providing porta toilets at Piru Creek Crossing; trash service at Ballinger CG, Piru Creek Crossing, and Kings CG.</p> <p>Several levels of service are proposed at the sites depending upon use patterns and condition inventory of the sites. Heavily used sites (i.e. Ballinger Canyon, Pozo) would be serviced at least three times a week, with less used sites serviced weekly or every two weeks. Staffing costs are requested to assist in meeting high demand cleaning/operations costs at heavily used areas such as Ballinger Canyon, Piru Creek Crossing area, Pozo/La Panza, Rockfront, and Buckhorn.</p> <p>Secondary facility operations and maintenance occur bi-weekly in campground facilities at Half Moon, Pine Springs, Nettle Springs, Dome Springs, Chuchupate, Dutchman, and Toad Springs campgrounds; and monthly at Wagon Flat, Lazy, Bear, Horseshoe Spring, and Kerry campgrounds which all provide access to the OHV route system.</p>		

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
<b>1</b>	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-Program Mgr Notes : Progam Manager support from Santa Lucia, Santa Barbara, Mt Pinos, and Ojai Ranger Districts - includes attendance at quarterly stakeholder meetings, quarterly specialist meetings relative to OHV management, supervision of ohv specialists in implementation of overall project.	1.000	25000.000	YR	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	Other-Ojai Trail Specialists Notes : includes all crew/volunteer lead/coordination, trail maint activities, surveys, rehab of off route impacts, and public field contacts	1.000	12000.000	YR	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	Other-Ojai Fire Crew	2.000	1000.000	DAY	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Heavy Equipment Operator Notes : Ojai RD	10.000	240.000	DAY	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Other-Volunteers/Partners Notes : Ojai - 50 hrs Santa Lucia - 1800 hrs - 160 hrs dozer = 1640 hrs Mt Pinos - 1400 hrs - 80 hrs dozer = 1320 hrs	3010.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	60,200.00	60,200.00
	Other-Santa Lucia Rec Specialists	1.000	77500.000	YR	75,000.00	2,500.00	77,500.00

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	Notes : includes staff funding (i.e. ohv/rec/trails specialists) for facility and trail operations and maintenance tasks, coordination of partners/volunteers to complete the same						
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	Other-Specialist Support Notes : Includes specialist salary (i.e. botanist, biologist, archeologist, geologist, hydrologist, soil scientist) to assist in clearances needed to implement rehab of off route impacts, and general trail and facility maintenance issues.	1.000	15000.000	YR	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Other-Volunteer Dozer Operators Notes : Higher skilled dozer/tractor operator volunteers will be calculated as similar agency salaried equipment operator.  SLRD - 160 hrs dozer work MPRD -80 hrs dozer work	240.000	37.500	HRS	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				192,000.00	103,600.00	295,600.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Road Grading - Ojai Notes : Annual Nordhoff and Potrero Seco Grading Contract	1.000	13500.000	YR	0.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
	Other-Santa Lucia - Vault Pumping Notes : Vault pumping at La Panza Campground, Wagon Flat, Brookshire, and Horseshoe Springs.	4.000	1000.000	EA	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-Mt Pinos - Vault Pumping Notes : Vault pumping at Ballinger, Kings, Chuchupate, and Grade Valley facilities.	1.000	6000.000	YR	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00

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	Portable Restroom Rentals Notes : Mt Pinos - Provided at Piru Creek Crossing/Goldhill area	12.000	250.000	MOS	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Other-Mt Pinos Notes : Trash service provided at Kings CG, Piru Creek Crossing, and Ballinger CG - paid with recreation fee revenue.	12.000	800.000	MOS	0.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
	Other-Santa Lucia - CCC Crew Notes : Includes 1 tour for trail maintenance tasks. 1 tour = 10 days, 12-13 individuals, 1 supervisor, all meals, transportation, and workman's comp.	1.000	20000.000	MISC	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00
	Other-Forest Road Contract Notes : Forestwide grading contract on Level 2 roads open to OHV.	186.000	600.000	MI	0.00	111,600.00	111,600.00
	Other-SLRD- Trail Plow/ Grader	5.000	1000.000	DAY	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	<b>Total for Contracts</b>				36,000.00	136,700.00	172,700.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Other-Ojai - Chainsaw fuel/parts	1.000	150.000	YR	0.00	150.00	150.00
	Other-Fencing & Barrier materials Notes : Fencing and barrier materials  Ojai - 300 annually Mt Pinos - 1000 annually Santa Lucia- 1000 annually	1.000	2300.000	YR	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
	Other-Maintenance Supplies Notes : Includes items such as hardware, paint, minor repair items	2.000	1000.000	YR	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Other-Operations Supplies Notes : Includes day to day ops supply needs such as cleaning supplies, cleaning safety gear, trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.	2.000	2000.000	YR	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00



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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Signs Notes : includes regulatory, information, directional, adopt a trail signing and associated materials (i.e. posts, hardware)	1.000	8000.000	YR	6,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00
	Other-Map Reprint Notes : Reprint of OHV map of east side of Forest in partnership with CTUC. Map augments the Forest Service OHV maps. Maps will be free to the public.	1.000	13750.000	EA	11,000.00	2,750.00	13,750.00
	Other-New Map Printing Notes : Printing of new OHV map in partnership with CTUC. Map will cover western side of Los Padres NF and will augment the Forest Service maps. Maps will be given to the public free.	1.000	17500.000	EA	14,000.00	3,500.00	17,500.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				35,000.00	12,700.00	47,700.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Ojai - Trail Maint Vehicle Support Notes : Ojai - GO Forest Service Vehicle Support includes gasoline, oil, tires, washing, mechanical inspections and repairs for ground operations vehicles such as motorcycles, quads, trucks, and patrol rigs.	1.000	1500.000	YR	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Equipment Rental Notes : Ojai - tractor rental \$1500/fuel and maint contributed	1.000	2500.000	YR	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
	Other-Santa Lucia -Vehicle Support (Use Notes : SLRD - GO Forest Service Vehicle Support includes gasoline, oil, tires, washing, mechanical inspections and repairs for ground operations vehicles such as motorcycles, quads, trucks, and patrol rigs.	1.000	15000.000	YR	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
	Other-Mt Pinos - Vehicle Support (Use Ra Notes : Mt Pinos - Forest Service Vehicle Support includes gasoline, oil, tires, washing, mechanical inspections and repairs for	1.000	15000.000	YR	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00

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	ground operations vehicles such as motorcycles, quads, trucks, and patrol rigs.						
	Equipment Rental Notes : Santa Lucia - D5 Dozer rental for two weeks	1.000	6000.000	EA	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
	Other-Mt Pinos - OHV Vehicle FOR Notes : Includes FOR monthly cost for motorcyces and 4x4 vehicles. Does not include fuel or maintenance	1.000	6600.000	YR	0.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
	Other-Ojai - OHV Vehicle FOR	1.000	1100.000	YR	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
	<b>Total for Equipment Use Expenses</b>				7,500.00	40,200.00	47,700.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
	Other-Mt. Pinos - Quads Notes : Mount Pinos purchase of two new quads to replace two older 1999 Polaris Diesel quads	2.000	8500.000	EA	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
	Other-Santa Lucia - Traffic Counters	3.000	850.000	EA	2,550.00	0.00	2,550.00
<b>7</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative Costs Notes : Administrative tasks not enumerated elsewhere in support of ground operation activities on the forest.	1.000	15000.000	YR	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				290,050.00	308,200.00	598,250.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				290,050.00	308,200.00	598,250.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>290,050.00</b>	<b>308,200.00</b>	<b>598,250.00</b>

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<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	192,000.00	103,600.00	295,600.00	
2	Contracts	36,000.00	136,700.00	172,700.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	35,000.00	12,700.00	47,700.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	7,500.00	40,200.00	47,700.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	
6	Others	2,550.00	0.00	2,550.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		290,050.00	308,200.00	598,250.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		290,050.00	308,200.00	598,250.00	
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## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

The proposed trail and facility maintenance operations are a "no net change" from previous years relative to increased noise or traffic, as they simply maintain what has been in place for numerous years. This project is the only type project occurring in the along the OHV routes and at facilities. Without the funding provided by this grant, these activities would not occur or would, at best, minimally occur. The Final Environmental Impact Statement, Land and Resource Management Plan, Los Padres National Forest and the subsequent amendments analyzed the immediate and cumulative impacts of the forest's OHV system. The analysis of this project proposal is tiered to that document. There are no significant immediate or cumulative impacts of this project or this project combined with other projects in the same area over several years.

Monitoring protocols outlined in the Habitat Management Plan and Soil Conservation Plan act as an early warning for possible negative effects on soils, heritage resources and wildlife/vegetation habitat. The results of monitoring enable the interdisciplinary team to design and schedule maintenance and conservation projects specific to the OHV system in a timely manner.

This results in project work being scheduled and performed that no significant negative cumulative effects will occur. This assumption has been verified by the Forest's past year's performance and monitoring, as well as, a study titled A Field Evaluation of the Use of Small Trail Tractors to Maintain and Construct OHV Trails on the National Forest in California by Roger Poff and Tom Ryan.

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Facilities and routes to be operated and maintained via this project have been designed to be located on flat or minimally sloped sites and areas. Those routes that fall into the category of steep and/or traverse highly erosive soils are monitored and maintained on a frequency to quickly identify and correct unacceptable impacts due to OHV travel/use. All maintenance activities are designed, planned, and implemented to ensure they do not contribute to a negative impact on soils - conversely, they result in the preservation of soils in these higher risk areas. All maintenance activities are subject to Best Management Practices (i.e., no side casting of excess material) to protect soils and minimize risk of erosion. Maintenance of water control structures on OHV routes reduces the potential for soil and water impacts on steeper slopes. Signing, physical barriers and enforcement all encourage users to stay on the designated trails and reduce the possibility of impacts to adjacent soil and vegetation resources. Tread work with mechanical machinery is scheduled in the short time frame when soil moisture allows for adequate compaction after maintaining the tread, dips, and overall route prism. Additional specific information relative to soils can be found in the Soil Conservation Plan.

#### **ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts**

The only State Scenic Highway within the view shed of a route or facility proposed for maintenance in this application is Highway 33. Potrero Seco Road intersects Highway 33 at a saddle. However, the intersection is obscured from view and the OHV route presents no scarring from a distance. One segment of the Ortega Trail is visible from Highway 33, however, switchbacks and position of the trail in relationship with the slope subordinate the feature and are not recognizable from the highway. Additionally, vegetation along the highway effectively screens most of the trail from view. Maintenance of the existing trail as proposed in this application would not increase impacts on scenic resources.

#### **ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

The only State Scenic Highway within the view shed of a route or facility proposed for maintenance in this application is Highway 33. Potrero Seco Road intersects Highway 33 at a saddle. However, the intersection is obscured from view and the OHV route presents no scarring from a distance. One segment of the Ortega Trail is visible from Highway 33, however, switchbacks and position of the trail in relationship with the slope subordinate the feature and are not recognizable from the highway. Additionally, vegetation along the highway effectively screens most of the trail from view. Maintenance of the existing trail as proposed in this application would not increase impacts on scenic resources.

#### **ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

#### **ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

There is no potential for the project to have substantial adverse impacts on historic and cultural sites. Routine maintenance activities are designed and intended to improve the condition of the OHV routes thereby encouraging riders to stay on the route which serves to reduce potential OHV trespass that could impact archeological sites.

#### **ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

There is no potential for the project to cause indirect significant impacts such as causing user groups to go elsewhere or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the OHV route system. Routine maintenance activities are designed and intended to improve the condition of the OHV routes thereby encouraging riders to stay on the route which serves to reduce potential soil erosion and undesired habitat impacts on, and adjacent to, the existing OHV system by providing a well maintained and operated riding opportunity. Facilities are operated and maintained to meet user comfort as well as provide an alternative to negatively impacting less developed resources outside facility locations.

**CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

## Evaluation Criteria

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### 1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 5

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☒ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)  
☒ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)  
☒ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)  
☒ Potential trespass (2 points)  
☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project is comprehensive in its approach to OHV management across the forest. It's funding of specialists (i.e. botanist, biologist, archeologists, OHV fields techs) enables the forest to ensure barrier systems and fences are repaired in a timely manner to prevent potential trespass on adjacent private property owners; prevent negative impacts to cultural sites by identifying those needs prior to ground disturbing activities and implementing a flag and avoid strategy in order to responsibly retain OHV opportunity; biologists and botanists advise the field techs as to which locations need additional attention to prevent impacts to special-status species such as the California Condor. Lack of funding will significantly negatively impact our ability to implement all outlined OHV management activities (see project description) to the extent needed to retain OHV opportunity across the forest. Ref Appendix D Adaptive Mitigation Measures for Recreation Uses, 2005 Land and Resource Management Plan.

### 3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 13

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)  
☒ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)  
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)  
☒ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)  
☒ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project trail maintenance plan and soil conservation plan are developed from the results of soil loss monitoring, stream crossing checklists, and annual trail surveys and include initial spring opening of approximately 565 miles of routes to include logging/brushing; maintaining road and trail tread, installing/repairing erosion control features such as culverts to prevent unacceptable levels of soil loss and negative impacts to water quality, replacing/repairing traffic control signage; and post winter surveys identify new maintenance needs. All this work is completed on a system that provides for multiple use (i.e. ATV, MC, 4x4, SUV) and some mixed use on a designated route system. The OHV opportunity provided across the forest includes providing a variety of riding levels to include easiest, more difficult, and most difficult. Please see Appendix D Adaptive Mitigation Measures for Recreation Uses, 2005 Land and Resources Management Plan.

**4. Public Input - Q 4.**

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)  
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)  
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

This proposal was developed through phone calls with interested parties, and quarterly stakeholder meetings over a period of 3 months to obtain their input and concurrence on our proposal. Specific dates and contact information available upon request.

**5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.**

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)  
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Frazier Park 4x4 Club  
Los Padres National Forest Association  
Cal Poly Penguins  
Kern County Board of Supervisors  
Ventura County Motorcycle Club  
San Luis Obispo 4 Wheelers  
Central Coast Motorcycle Association  
California Trails User Coalition (CTUC)  
Plus many more!

**6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.**

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 5

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)  
☒ Protecting water quality (1 point)  
☐ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)  
☒ Protecting special-status species (1 point)  
☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)  
☒ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)



- ☒ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)  
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

Physical barriers which aid in controlling OHV use are maintained at all times to include maintenance of smooth wire fence in restoration and sensitive areas (i.e. cultural resources) and in developed sites such as staging areas, trailheads, and campgrounds. Water quality protection measures are determined by monthly stream crossing checklists and soil loss monitoring where appropriate. These checks ensure timely response to needs to prevent unacceptable impacts to soils and water quality. Installation of protective barriers and proper trail maintenance prevents riders from trespassing on cultural sites and wildlife communities. Sanitation services such as dumpsters, fixed toilets, and porta-potties are provided across the forest at high use areas, campgrounds, staging areas, and trailheads to meet State and Federal standards. The designated route system was designed not to impact riparian/wetlands.

**7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.**

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)  
☒ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)  
☒ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)  
☒ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)  
☒ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point) [recycle content papertowels, toilet paper]

**8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.**

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Maintaining the natural environment as it is provides the most water efficient landscaping necessary. We do not maintain or create artificial or unnatural landscaping at OHV trailheads, staging areas, or along trails that requires additional use of water. Additionally, we do not utilize flush plumbing in our numerous toilet facilities thereby negating the potential for unnecessary uses of water including low flow plumbing fixtures. Facilities are designed with minimal water use as one of the primary design elements. As a federal agency we are mandated to purchase only "green" products which include recycled content, energy efficient products/equipment, biobased products (i.e. cleaning products, lubricants, grease for vehicles and site maintenance), and scheduling patrols/trips to minimize the use of nonrenewable resources such as traditional fuels. Hybrid vehicle technology is now the norm for scheduled fleet replacement. A list of applicable policies can be provided.

**9. Motorized Access - Q 9.**

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birding           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equestrian trails |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) [Hunting,Cycling,Star Gazing] |   |